

Redmond Central Connector



The Redmond Central Connector Trail brings people together, showcases the beauty of our community, improves active transportation choices, and supports jobs.

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Summary

The Redmond Central Connector is a regional trail, linear park and a future connection to Sound Transit's East Link light rail. It supports a City vision of being inspired by nature while connecting neighborhoods and vibrant urban centers. The Connector is a regional, hard-surface trail that will connect with more than 60 miles of King County regional trails. It provides transportation choices, recreation opportunities, and contributes to the character of the community. The trail will be a key regional link from Redmond to Sammamish and Kirkland—revitalizing 30 acres in Redmond to improve tourism for retail establishments and encourage more recreational, commercial, retail, and office activity.

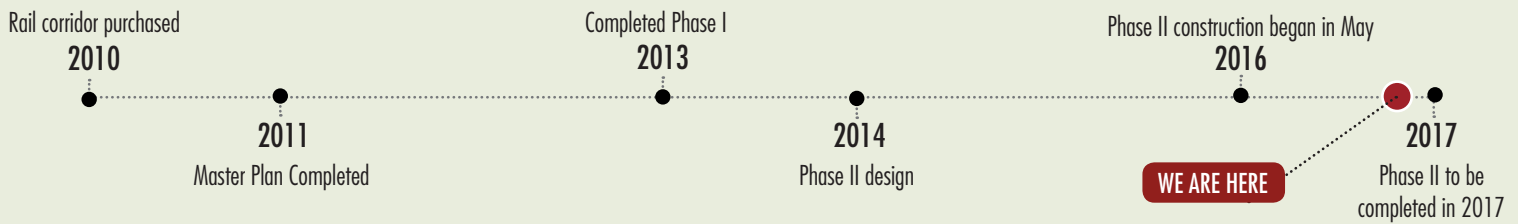
Strategies:

Redmond invested \$11.35 million in 2010 to secure four miles of the rail-banked former Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail corridor and buy adjacent properties to accommodate the intended uses. The Connector is part of a regional partnership of the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) Regional Advisory Committee to redevelop the rail corridor into an expanded regional trail and transit system, and accommodate regional utilities. The ERC is a partnership between Redmond, Kirkland, King County, Sound Transit, and Puget Sound Energy, each of which has property rights within the 42-mile corridor between Snohomish County and Renton. RCC will be built in four segments.



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Project Timeline:



*Phase III design & construction: pending funding

Major Segments Completed and Underway

Phase I

- The first mile was completed in 2013
- Connected Bear Creek Trail on the east side of Downtown to the busy Sammamish River Trail on the west end, providing a safe east-west pedestrian route through Downtown
- Revitalized nearly 13 acres of Downtown, and includes three significant public artworks – John Fleming’s commissioned works *Signals*, Redmond’s *Erratic*, and *Skypainting* – as well as a regional stormwater trunk line
- \$5 million cost – 74% was matched by the combination of a King County levy, Washington Department of Commerce grant, and Federal Transportation grant
- By 2024, Sound Transit will extend East Link from Bellevue and Overlake to Downtown Redmond, adjacent to this segment of the Connector

Phase II

- 1.3-mile segment currently under construction, including integrated artwork, with expected completion in 2017
- Connects Downtown and Sammamish River trails with the Redmond Puget Power Trail, Willows business district, and Sammamish Valley neighborhoods including Overlake Christian Church and DigiPen Institute of Technology
- Downtown and the Willows business district expect a combined increase of 10,000 residents and 20,000 jobs by 2020, and the Connector provides an alternative route to move between these areas

- \$6.4 million cost – 81% matched funding through a combination of a King County levy and grants from Washington Department of Commerce, Washington Recreation and Conservation Office, Washington Department of Transportation, and Puget Sound Regional Council

Phase III

- 1.6-mile segment
- Will connect the Phase II trail near Overlake Christian Church to NE 124th Street at the Kirkland border
- This phase is not yet funded; plans are forming through the Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Advisory Committee. When Phase III is completed, residents will be able to connect from Redmond to Renton, to Woodinville and Snohomish County, and Mount Vernon
- In the future, Sound Transit and regional utilities may construct facilities adjacent to the trail

Phase IV

- 0.2- mile connection from the Redmond Central Connector to East Lake Sammamish Trail including a separated grade crossing of Bear Creek and SR-520
- This project is a partnership between Redmond, King County, Sound Transit, and Washington Department of Transportation
- Cost estimates are not available and construction is not yet funded



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